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SENATOR SNYDER: What is your opinion regarding exempting all of these motor vehicles, for non profit organizations if they do qualify under this IRS code?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, the reason for this bill is principally for rural areas where we have no transportation for the senior citizens and handicapped people, to be able to go to a larger town, to do their shopping and get medical service. It's a problem for these people to get to a larger town because they many of them are not able to qualify for a driver's permit and they're stranded, so this would allow these non profit organizations, in Saline County there is a Blue Valley Bus Line that was formed and when they formed the Railway Commission was under the impression that they would not come under their ruling to be taxed and be licensed, but later on they found that they were, and this required a \$50.00 initial fee, plus \$15.00 a year from then on, and the Railway Commission has no objection to this in fact two of the Commissioners appeared at the hearing in favor of the bill, this just does away with that regulation by the Public Service Commission. At that time when they organized it was the Railway Commission but now it's the Public Service Commission, that -

SPEAKER: Does a second Senator Snyder for the benefit of the transcribers that was Senator Mares, thank you, now Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President I don't want to take any more time on this I think I can get with Senator Mares and rectify any question I have further on this, thank you.

SPEAKER: We still have in consideration the amendment by Senator Kremer to LB 54, is there a need for further discussion of the amendment? All those in favor of the amendment say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered the amendment is adopted. Are there other amendments to LB 54?

CLERK: None Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Very good, Senator Mares you may explain the bill then.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and member of the legislature, as I was saying the purpose for this bill was so the Senior citizens in the State of Nebraska would have an opportunity to form these non profit organizations for transportation. As I said it is a problem in the rural area for the people to do their shopping, some of the smaller towns don't even have a grocery store and these people have to beg for rides to go to the larger towns to do their shopping and also for medical service. I found out last fall that the Blue Valley Bus Line which has about over 400 members has organized and they were running in the red, to add to their troubles they found they had to pay a \$50.00 fee to the Railway Commission, plus \$15.00 annually as a fee and as I was saying, the Railway, the Public Service Commission has no objections to this, to accept, they will allow an exception to these people and I move that the bill be advanced to E&R initial.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? As amended. Anybody wish to be heard? The question is shall LB 54 as amended be advanced from general file to E&R initial, all those in favor, excuse me, Senator Dickinson, I almost missed you and I apologize. Go ahead.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I simply want to express concern, we've had comments made several times and I don't want to appear to be against aged, or handicapped or anything of this sort, -

SPEAKER: Would you do me a favor and pull your microphone just a little closer to you there, just pull it forward.